

Lakeside News

July-September 2016 Edition

From the Mayor's Desk

Dear fellow citizens,

The construction on Swisher/2181 is finally done.....and it's time to "Come Home" Hickory Creek shoppers! During the past few years, our local businesses have suffered tremendously from traffic congestion, and many residents of the Lake Cities have simply gone elsewhere to shop and dine. But we now have a beautiful 6-lane divided road to access our businesses district. As a courtesy to our local businesses, and to help them



reach out to you, Hickory Creek is providing free advertising in this newsletter to the affected retailers. So please look through the ads and help these businesses regain customers lost due to construction. "Come Home," Hickory Creek shoppers!

Residents 65 & over, I want to mention a couple of discounts that are available to you with local service providers. Lake Cities Municipal Utility Authority (LCMUA) offers seniors a \$20 discount (\$10 off water and \$10 off sewer). A senior discount form can be obtained at http://lcmua.com/new-residents-services/senior-discount-application/, or stop by the LCMUA office. Waste Management also offers a senior discount of almost 30% for your trash and recycling services. Come to Town Hall with your trash bill and proof of age and town staff will let Waste Management know you're eligible for the discount on your future bills.

I'm delighted to announce that our Town Administrator, John Smith, recently graduated from the Texas Certified Public Manager® (CPM) Program. This program is offered by Texas State University's William P. Hobby Center for Public Service. The course includes seven tracks: Public Personnel Administration, Managing for Quality, Organizational Communication, Public Finance and Budgeting, Productivity and Program Evaluation, Information Systems for Managers, and Applied Projects Practicum. This rigorous school took 9 months to complete, and graduation was held in early June at the State Capitol in Austin. Please help me congratulate John M. Smith, Jr, CPM!

As you may know our contract for fire services is under consideration by our council. As your elected officials, it is our responsibility to review any and all contract services for our town. We have devoted ourselves, first and foremost, to ensuring public safety. We are in the process of carefully considering all options, and as I write to you today, no decisions have been made. We are working to gather facts that will help us make a reasonable and conscientious decision. Any decision we make will affect not only you, but our own families as well. I can assure you each of us takes this responsibility with the seriousness you would expect.

My heart is heavy with the atrocity that happened this past week in Dallas, and with tragedies that have taken place across this nation in recent days & weeks. If we ever needed each other, it is now. If we ever needed to join hands and hearts, it is now. If we ever needed peace and unity, it is now. Would you join me in laying down all the rhetoric and the noises that pull us away from each other, and pray for our community and this great nation?

My best regards,

Lynn Clark

Mayor

Chief's Corner July 2016

As our society struggles to find a way to deal with the now decades-old issues of race relations, community-police relations, and violence on all sides, police departments and officers are often the focus of intense scrutiny for our actions. You grant us great power, and it is our sacred duty not to abuse that power. Unfortunately, the less than 1% of citizen/officer contacts that go bad paints the entire profession with suspicion, negativity and animosity. One of our goals is to continue to improve relationships with all members of our community, and to focus on repairing damaged relationships. Make no mistake, the events nationwide affect every single one of us, on all sides of these issues, even if they are not happening right here at home. To that end, I would like to speak briefly about how we as police officers are trying to improve, and make a few observations about how everyday citizens can help as well.

Here at HCPD, we deploy many programs that involve outreach and communication with our community. We have a successful Citizens on Patrol program. We have an internal program by which all officers make random contact with someone they have not met before while on patrol and just introduce themselves and ask questions about that person's concerns, perception of the department, or anything else they choose to discuss. We hold routine community meetings where we discuss area specific issues and then open the conversation back to the audience to ask or tell anything they choose. We hold social media accounts for anyone, anywhere to see what we are doing and to express themselves in any way they choose.

So what can you do as a citizen? Get involved in some way. Educate yourself on some form of public service that interests you. Participate in a ride out, or take the next step and join a Citizens Academy or a COPS/VIPS program. Communicate with your police department in whatever fashion is easiest for you, and be honest with us.

If you find yourself in a situation where you have been contacted by an officer and it is not going the way you think it should, remain calm. Remember, less than 1% of police contacts go bad. We are horrified and disgusted by bad cops, even more so than you probably are because they are not who we are and they do not represent what we represent.

- Follow all lawful and reasonable instructions given to you by the officer, even if you may not agree or understand. Refusing to comply will only escalate the situation further. There are many reasons why you may be asked to do something that relates to the officers safety, and it keeps you safer as well by not raising the officer's emotional level by resisting their requests.
- Keep your hands on the steering wheel. When asked to retrieve something, let the officer know. For example, say "my insurance card is in my glove box. I am going to retrieve it now". Retrieve the card with a normal and steady movement. Don't be super slow and dramatic, and don't speed race to get it open. Just open it as you would any other time.
- If you have a weapon of any kind in the car, immediately disclose it to the officer. This will take away anxiety if the officer notices the weapon. This is most important in situations like above, if you are going to access the area where your weapon is located.
- Remember that similar to a traffic ticket, the time to argue is not during the contact. We police ourselves very aggressively and hold ourselves to an incredibly high standard. During a contact you are uncomfortable with, try to maintain a calm demeanor and then file a complaint on the incident. Every complaint is investigated thoroughly and we have zero tolerance for misuse of power or inappropriate, unethical or illegal conduct from officers.

Ultimately, the message I want to convey to you is that we are here for you. We don't do this for glory, we don't do it for recognition, and we certainly aren't getting wealthy in this profession. We do it because it is a calling we could not refuse. Yeah, there's a few bad apples, and there are regrettable incidents that happen. And most certainly, there is room for improvement. We all need to work together to define expectations, set and work towards goals, and keep ourselves educated on these issues.

As always, feel free to contact me at any time to discuss these or any other issues on your mind. Thank you so much for the support you give us, we live in one of the best areas in the nation as far as community to officer relations, and we do not take that for granted. Your support is felt every day by the constant greeting and messages of appreciation our officers receive. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,

Carey Dunn, Chief of Police

Town of Hickory Creek Emergency Preparedness Plan

Those of us living in North Texas must accept that we are always subject to a disaster or emergency crisis, natural or otherwise. The possibility of tornados, floods, fires, ice storms, extended blackouts and even terrorism do exist. History tells us that during an emergency, residents are often unprepared, confused and lack communication which can lead to panic and chaos. Situations of this nature can place individuals, their family, and other residents at risk and hinder the efforts of emergency responders. A review of disasters statewide and nationally indicates that neighborhoods with an emergency preparedness plan fared much safer and healthier than those who did not. The prepared neighborhoods accomplished this through resident leadership, volunteers, town support, education and other resources. Once organized, and educated, this is not a process that requires ongoing time and energy other than tweaking updates. The town of Hickory Creek wants to keep its' citizens prepared, safe and believes it is incumbent upon all of us to support this effort.

The town of Hickory Creek encourages all HOA'S, neighborhood leaders and concerned citizens to join in establishing an emergency preparedness plan. All neighborhoods should establish a rally point where citizens can gather in response to an emergency. In doing so the group can organize and prepare to assist other neighbors in need and assist first responders upon request. All citizens and their families should maintain an emergency preparedness kit with enough supplies and provisions for at least seventy two hours. The kit is necessary if there is a loss of power, no fresh water source or access to food resources.

The Town of Hickory Creek is prepared to support this effort and respond to any emergency through our Public Works department, Citizens on Patrol volunteers and our Police Department as first responders. Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact 940-497-2528.

There is nothing wrong with hoping for the best as long as you are prepared for the worst "Stephan King"

DON'T TEXT & DRIVE.



BUILDING YOUR DISASTER SUPPLY KIT



Build your kit all at once or step by step. Start with what you have at home.

Then shop for the rest. Build it to shelter in place or evacuate.

Pack these basic supplies for each person in a portable container or backpack. You'll need them whether you stay or go.	You may have to leave in a hurry to get to a safe place. Keep these supplies near your car. When it's time, grab them and go.
STEP 1 FOOD AND WATER	STEP 4 ADD THESE ITEMS FOR EVACUATING BY CAR
3-day supply of food that needs no cooking 1 gallon of water per day for each person Manual can opener Baby items (baby food, formula, bottles) Pet Supplies (listed on next page) STEP 2 FIRST AID, MEDICATION, HYGIENE	Road maps Car repair items (tools, spare tire, tire patch kit, oil) More food and water Plastic plates, cups and utensils Tent, blankets and pillows Clothes and sturdy shoes Rain gear and towels Books, games and toys
First-aid kit (listed on next page) Prescriptions and backup medications Hand sanitizer, wipes, bleach (To purify water, mix 1/8 teaspoon per gallon. Stir and let stand for 30 minutes.) Toilet paper, paper towels, garbage bags Dental care, hearing aids, and vision products Soaps, personal supplies, diapers Sunscreen, insect repellent Face masks to filter air (N-95 rating)	BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME Fill your gas tank, check your spare tire Take cash, checkbook and credit cards Call your family emergency contact Charge your mobile phone Get a map of your route When staying home is your safest choice, add these
STEP 3 COMMUNICATION, LIGHTING, DOCUMENT BAG ITEMS	items to your kit and stay tuned to the news. STEP 5 ADD THESE ITEMS FOR SHELTERING IN PLACE
Battery-powered radio with extra batteries or crank radio (emergency alert radio is best) Extra cell phone battery and car charger Flashlights and extra batteries Matches and lighter Whistle Reading glasses and sunglasses Document bag items (listed on next page)	 Smoke detectors with extra batteries □ Carbon monoxide detector (if using generators, charcoal grills or camp stoves) □ Fire extinguisher □ Land line phone with extra long cord □ Plastic sheeting and duct tape (to seal doors, windows and air vents from contaminated air or to build an emergency shelter)



PET SUPPLIES	DOCUMENT BAG CONTENTS
3-day supply of food, water and bowls	Current photo IDs, driver licenses, birth records,
	Social Security cards, passports
☐ Vaccination records	Photos of family members in case you get separated
Crate or carrier (may be required in shelters or where	Health insurance and prescription cards
you spend the night)	Medical records, medications and dosages
Leash and toys	Phone numbers (family, friends, doctors)
Photo, in case pet gets lost	Bank account information
Cat litter and box	Wills
	Insurance documents (homeowner, renter, flood, life)
	Property deeds, leases, mortgages
SUPER AUD WIT COURTED	☐ Vehicle titles, insurance, leases, loan documents
FIRST AID KIT CONTENTS	Inventory of household possessions and their value
	☐ Backup computer files (on a CD, DVD, USB drive)
2 compress dressings (5 x 9 inches)	Copies of important keys
25 band-aids (different sizes)	Utility bills (to prove where you live)
First-aid tape	
Antibiotic ointment	
Hydrocortisone ointment	PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THOSE
Aspirin and ibuprofen	WITH ACCESS AND FUNCTIONAL NEEDS
Instant cold pack	
2 pair of medical gloves (non-latex)	Think about what you need to make it on your own. Plan now for your health away from home. Label medical
Oral thermometer, scissors, tweezers	equipment with your contact information.
2 roller bandages (different widths) 2 elastic bandages	Wheelchairs, walkers and canes
10 sterile gauze pads (different sizes)	Cooler with cold packs for medications
2 triangular bandages (for making slings)	Extra medications and dosages
First aid instruction booklet	Copies of prescriptions and medical alert tags
That aid instituction bookiet	Food for special diets
	Medical supplies (oxygen, glucose monitoring strips,
	syringes, etc.)
	☐ Hearing aids with extra batteries
	Communication devices
	Supplies and documentation for service animals
	Note: Dial 2-1-1 for information about available services during an emergency (registering for evacuations must be done every year).





Employee Spotlight





Sydney Leyva—

Sydney is the Administrative Assistant and has been working here since June of 2014. She lives with her husband and their dog Teddy in Denton. They love going on nature walks with Teddy and watching soccer together. Sydney loves all the trees and nature in this beautiful town and loves getting to know all the residents who live here.



Jim Zehetner-

I am from a small town in northeast Texas. I started law enforcement in 1993 where I worked for the Washington County Sheriff's Office in Brenham Texas. In 1999 I was hired at the Denton County Sheriff's Office. After a brief time working in the jail, I was reassigned to the Sheriff's Shooting Range. In March 2006 I joined the Hickory Creek Police Department and realized that I had found my home in law enforcement. It has been my pleasure to train and work with some of the best officers in the state. In 2009, I married my amazing wife Melinda, who is a police officer with the Highland Village Police Department. We have an incredible 5 year old daughter Josey, who is very proud that both of her parents are police officers. I have been with the Hickory Creek Police Department for 10 years. I have seen the department go from a small town police department to a respected agency in Denton County. I look forward to the coming years as I serve the citizens of Hickory Creek.



NEW TOWN HALL HOURS

Beginning May 16 the new hours for the Hickory Creek Town Hall, located at 1075 Ronald Reagan Avenue, will be:

Monday to Thursday

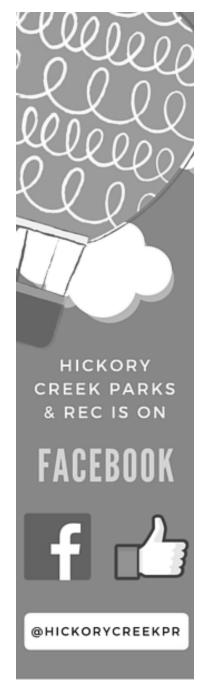
Friday

7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Community Reminders

Make sure you check the status of the parks before you go . You can see if they are open or closed by visiting our website at hickorycreek-tx.gov



SAVE THE DATE

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be back from their summer vacation soon to start getting ready for next Christmas.



They are looking forward to seeing their friends in Hickory Creek again at the Annual Tree Lighting. Watch the website for further details.

December 2, 2016
Hickory Creek Town Hall







CLEAN, DRAIN AND DRY YOUR BOAT.



HICKORY CREEK "LEASH LAWS"

Many of you have asked what the ordinances are regarding the "leash law" for Hickory Creek. Basically, as long as your cat or dog is in your front yard under your direct supervision, they are free to run and play off a leash. Once your pet leaves your private property, such as the sidewalk or street, you are in violation and can be ticketed for each offense. Walking your dog and going for a visit to one of the parks also requires your dog be kept on a leash or you can be ticketed.

Let's keep our pets and each other safe!

Sec. 2.01.001 Definitions

At large. Not completely confined by a building, wall, or fence of sufficient strength or construction to restrain the animal, except when such animal is either on a leash or held in the hands of the owner or keeper, or under direct supervision of the owner within the limits of the owner's private property. An animal within an automobile or other vehicle of its owner shall not be deemed "running at large."

Sec. 2.01.002 Running at large

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any dog or other animal possessed, kept, or harbored, other than a cat, to run at large as is defined in <u>section 2.01.001</u>.
- (b) The animal control officer is authorized to impound such animals running at large, other than a cat, and may impound a cat under conditions specified in <u>article 2.04</u>, or when he has received a complaint that the cat has caused a nuisance or hazard to the health or welfare of the human or animal population.







Never leave your pets alone in a parked car, it's the law!

Sec. 2.06.004 Improper confinement

It is unlawful for any person to intentionally or knowingly confine or allow to be confined any animal under such conditions or for such a period of time as many endanger the health or well-being of the animal due to heat, lack of food or water or any other circumstance which causes suffering, disability or death of the animal. (1999 Code, sec. 2.1203)

Hickory Creek
Animal Services

HICKORY CREEK SHELTER HOURS M-F 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Sat. & Sun. Closed 940-465-7444

Train, Prepare and Survive



In the event that you are in an Active Shooter situation remember to stay calm and follow a practical course of action. In this kind of situation, a few seconds can make all the difference.

YOU HAVE THREE OPTIONS:

1. RUN

- Have an escape route and plan in mind
- Leave your belongings behind
- Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow
- Help others escape, if possible, but do not attempt to move the wounded
- Prevent others from entering an area where an active shooter may be
- Call 911 when you are safe

2. HIDE

- Hide in an area out of the shooter's view
- Lock the door or block entry to your hiding place and turn out the lights
- Silence your cell phone (including vibrate mode) and remain quiet

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3. FIGHT

- Fight as a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger
- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter
- Improvise weapons or throw items at the active shooter
- Commit to your actions. Act with as much physical aggression as possible
-your life depends on it

The first officers to arrive on scene will not stop to help the injured. Expect rescue teams to follow initial officers. These rescue teams will treat and remove injured.

When law enforcement arrives:

- Remain calm and follow instructions
- Drop items in your hands (e.g., bags, jackets), raise hands and spread fingers.
- Avoid quick movements towards officers, such as holding on to them for safety
- Avoid pointing, screaming or yelling
- Do not ask questions when evacuating

Information to provide to 911 operator:

- Location of the active shooter
- Number of shooters and weapons shooter has
- Physical description of shooters
- Number of potential victims at location

A trained, prepared person has a better chance of survival: your life could depend on it.





Our Largest Recycling Event Ever!

The Town of Hickory Creek will be conducting our largest recycling event in the town's history. The event will take place on August 27, 2016, at the Town Hall located at 1075 Ronald Regan Avenue. The event is scheduled from 9 am to 12 pm. A convenient drop - off location will be set up in the front of Town Hall. You must reside within the Town of Hickory Creek and show a valid driver license to participate. This is an opportunity for citizens to dispose of household hazardous waste, such as paint, cleaning compounds, insecticides, and herbicides, computers, televisions, mobile phones, tires, in a safe and environmentally responsible manner. Collection events such as these help keep pollutants out of our community waterways, drinking water sources, and landfills. The town will also provide a MedReturn Drug Collection Unit for unwanted or expired household medications, including prescriptions, over -the-counter drugs and unused pharmaceutical. This is a safe, simple, secure and environmentally friendly way to help law enforcement agencies and communities collect unwanted or expired household medication.





Hickory Creek Municipal Court is proud to announce our new Certified Court Clerk 1, Rita Woodall. Rita has completed 40 hours of State training since her start date in October of 2015, and many hours of studying. On June 24th she took the certification exam in Temple, and has passed the 3 part test consisting of 375 questions. In order to retain this certification 12 hours of training must be completed each year. We at the Town of Hickory Creek would like to Congratulation Rita on her hard work and accomplishment.

Congratulations Rita!!!







Our philosophy is: buying the coverage that you need, don't waste your money buying a piece paper. This is why We Aim High to Serve You, by helping you understand your coverage with us, saving money for you, on your Home, Auto and Commercial.

Call our office at 940-498-7111 Email us: info@mytopgunins.com



"Buy Local Campaign"

Please remember our businesses that are affected by construction.

Let's support our local establishments and our local economy by keeping our tax dollars at home!

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Think Green:

Residents over 65- did you know the Hickory Creek provides a senior discount of almost 30% for your trash and recycling services? It's easy to get. Simply come to Town Hall with your trash bill and proof of age and town staff will let Waste Management know you're eligible for the discount on your bills going forward.



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Business Hours

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Friday-Saturday-11AM-10PM

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DENTON COUNTY



Wanted As Of: 05/17/2014

Assault Bodily Injusry Fam/House Mem 2+within 12 months Kidnapping

Race:

12/31/1995

Name: Barron-Juarez, Hugo Daniel

Alias: Sex: Male

Age: DOB: Height: 5ft 6in Weight: 175 lbs

Warrant: F-2014-1275-F; F-2014-1276-F



Wanted As Of: 09/11/2015

Aggravated Robbery x-2 counts

Benson, Keenan Wayne

Alias:

Sex: Male Race: Black DOB: 02/26/1963 Age: 23 Height: 5ft 11in Weight: 170 lbs Black Eyes: Brown

Warrant: F-2014-0163-D

tattoo on abdomen, tattoo on chest, tattoo on left arm, tattoo on left forearm, tattoo



Wanted As Of: 10/19/2012

DWI 3rd or More

Name: Carlos, Antonio

Alias: Carcos, Carkis, Santamaria

Sex: Race: Hispanic Age: 63 DOB: 07/05/1953 Height: 5ft 5in Weight: 200 lbs Hair: Black Eyes: Black

Scar(s) on abdomen Scar(s) on face, nonspecific Warrant: F-2013-0004-A



Wanted As Of: 08/08/2013

Assault Bodily Injury Family/House member 2+within 12 months

Avula, Srihari

Alias:

Sex: Male Other DOB: 05/24/1973 43 Age: Height: 5ft 7in Weight: 170 lbs Black Eyes: Brown

Warrant: F-2014-1142-F

1-800-388-TIPS Hotline



Wanted As Of: 10/01/2014

Poss CS PG 1>=1G<4G Poss CS Pg 1>=4G<200G Poss Marij <2oz Poss CS PG 3<28G

Name: Armer, Haley Lynn

Alias: Amar, Haley

Sex: Female Race: Caucasian DOB: 10/10/1991 Age: 25 Height: 5ft 8in Weight: 115 lbs

Warrant: F-2014-2472-C, F-2014-2473-C, CR-2014-07317-D, CR-2014-07316-D

Scar on abdomen; tattoo on abdomen; tattoo on left-hand; tattoo on left wrist; tattoo on neck: tattoo on right foot



Wanted As Of: 02/13/2015

DWI 3rd or More

Name: Castorena-Escobedo, Roberto

Alias:

Sex: Male Race: Unknown Age: 54 DOB: 08/03/1961 Weight: 220 lbs Height: 6ft 2in Eyes: Brown Black

Warrant: F-2013-1408-C



Wanted As Of: 06/16/2014

Poss Marij >50lbs<=200lbs

Name: Abel, Jason

Alias: Sex: Age: 29 DOB: 04/04/1987 Height: 5ft 9in Weight: 185 lbs

> tattoo on left breast tattoo on right arm

Eyes: Unknown

Warrant: F-2009-0691-B



Wanted As Of: 01/19/2016

Aggravated Assault w/Deadly Weapon

Campos, Guadalupe mendez Alias: Sex: Male Race: Hispanic

DOB: 12/10/1977 Age: 39 Height: 5ft 11in Weight: 190 lbs Black Eyes: Brown

Tattoo on back; tattoo on chest; tattoo on left arm; tattoo on right arm **Warrant**: F15-2708-367



Wanted As Of: 12/16/2015

Online Solicitation Minor Under 14 yoa; Sex Offenders Duty to Register w/Prev Conv

Name:

Alias: Sex: Male Race: Unknown DOB: 12/11/1982 Age: Height: 5ft 6in Weight: 110 lbs

Hair: Unknown Eyes: Hazel Scar(s) on head nonspecific; scar(s) on right

elbow; scar(s) on right upper an Warrant: F15-2619-362; F-2006-2292-D

Web Tips

dentoncountycrimestoppers.com



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Parks & Recreation Board—1st Monday @7PM
Planning &Zoning Commission—1st Wednesday @7PM
Town Council—3rd Tuesday @ 6:30 PM
Economic Development Corporation—4th Thursday @7PM
www.hickorycreekEDC.com



Police Department 1075 Ronald Reagan Avenue 940-497-3520 Police/Fire Emergency 911 Non-emergency (940)349-1600

Hickory Creek Animal Services 970 Main Street (940)349-1600

Hickory Creek Animal Shelter & Adoption Center 970 Main Street (940)465-7444